



RED RIVER AUTHORITY OF TEXAS



WATER USE CURTAILMENT ORDER ALERT – STAGE 1 BOX WATER SYSTEM July 18, 2023

Due to the ongoing drought, the current water demand being experienced by the City of Vernon Water System is lowering the water level in the aquifer utilized by the City's wells. The City of Vernon has requested that all customers reduce water usage by 5%. Therefore, the Authority is implementing its **Stage 1 Water Use Curtailment Order** in accordance with its Drought Contingency Plan.

The following **Water Use Restrictions** are in effect immediately and will remain in effect until further notice:

1. **No outside watering is allowed between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. In addition, nighttime watering should be limited to the amount required to keep vegetation alive.**
2. **No washing of vehicles, boats, RV's, or driveways is allowed.**
3. **Customers with livestock tubs must maintain the float systems in good repair to alleviate any overflow.**
4. **Swimming pools must be maintained to reduce evaporation and water loss due to flushing.**
5. **All commercial and other known high water users are asked to reduce usage and prevent waste.**
6. **Watch for leaks and notify Authority personnel immediately if one is found.**

Authority personnel will be monitoring usage and assisting customers in complying with the restrictions.

In order for the system to provide the water required to meet the most critical needs, the Authority respectfully requests your full cooperation and assistance in this matter. A notice describing less stringent restrictions and/or termination of same will be issued once the water use demand reaches a more normal level, alleviating the need for the Water Use Curtailment Order. However, should conditions worsen, more stringent restrictions could be placed into effect.

The current drought conditions are impacting water systems all across the State of Texas to a point where the Governor's Office has requested the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to contact all Public Water Suppliers and ask that they implement their individual Drought Contingency Plans, regardless of whether they are experiencing difficulties meeting their demands or not. For more information on the statewide drought conditions, please refer to the TCEQ's website at www.tceq.texas.gov/response/drought.

Should you require further information on the water restrictions or have any questions, please contact the Authority's main office at (866) 723-8697.